

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Amend the paragraph that begins in line 25 on page 6 as follows:

Fig. 8B is a cross-sectional view showing a case where a foreign body ~~75~~ 95 having got into the dome-shaped contact exists on a fixed contact 73;

Amend the paragraph that begins in line 15 on page 10 as follows:

The first spacer portion 62 and the second spacer portion 63 are both conical and are tapered in the direction in which the dome portions 61 and 64 bulge. As can be seen from the cross-sectional view of Fig. ~~4B~~ 3B, the spacer portions 62 and 63 are rectilinear, while the dome portions 61 and 64 are curved.

Amend the two paragraphs that begin in line 15 on page 13 as follows:

An embodiment shown in Figs. 7A to 7D will be described. According to this embodiment, a plurality of openings 68 are formed in the first dome portion 61 in order that the pressing force during the first-step switching operation is reduced, and the first dome portion 61 can be deformed and depressed with a smaller load. Referring to Fig. 7A, two approximately semicircular-arch-shaped openings 68 are formed along the inner periphery of the first dome portion 61. Similarly, referring to Figs. ~~5B~~ 7B and ~~5C~~ 7C, four and eight arch-shaped openings 68 are arranged and formed along the inner periphery of the dome portion 61, respectively. Referring to Fig. ~~5D~~ 7D, eighteen circular openings 68 are arranged and formed along the inner periphery of the dome portion 61.

The number of openings 68 can be appropriately determined as shown in Figs. 7A to 7D. However, in terms of stability of the second dome portion 64, the configuration shown in Fig. ~~5B~~ 7B, in which the second dome portion 64 is supported on two axes, is preferably adopted, for example.

Amend the paragraph that begins in line 21 on page 14 as follows:

Fig. 8B shows a state in which a foreign body ~~75~~ 95 having got into the dome-shaped contact 60 exists on the fixed contact 73 for illustration. Even if such a foreign body ~~75~~ 95 gets into the dome-shaped contact 60, the protrusion 67 can ensure the contact (electrical connection) between the second dome portion 64 and the fixed contact 73. While one protrusion 67 is formed in this embodiment, a plurality of protrusions 67 may be formed near the center of the dome portion 64.

Amend the paragraph that begins in line 6 on page 15 as follows:

The height of the protrusion 67 can be 20 μm to 100 μm , taking into consideration the size of actual foreign bodies ~~75~~ 95.

Amend the paragraph that begins in line 21 on page 17 as follows:

Fig. 19 is a plan view showing the circuit board 70 shown in Fig. 13B covered with the dome-shaped contact 60 shown in Fig. 16A. The fixed contacts electrodes 71, 72 and 73, the wires 75 and 76 and the like on the circuit board 70 are indicated by dotted lines. In this drawing, it can be seen that the wires 75 and 76 are drawn to the outside of the dome-shaped contact 60 through the two cuts 81.